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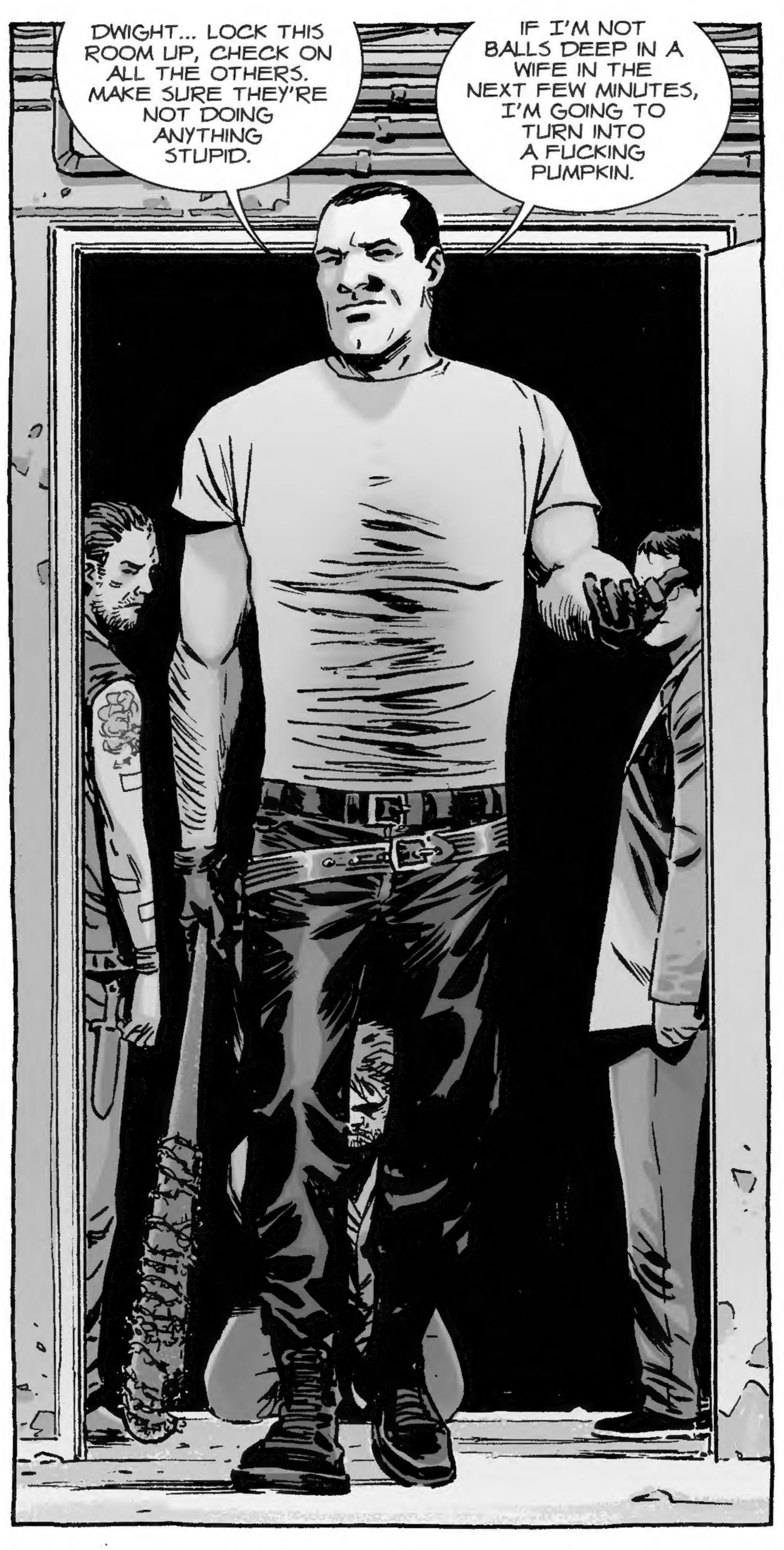
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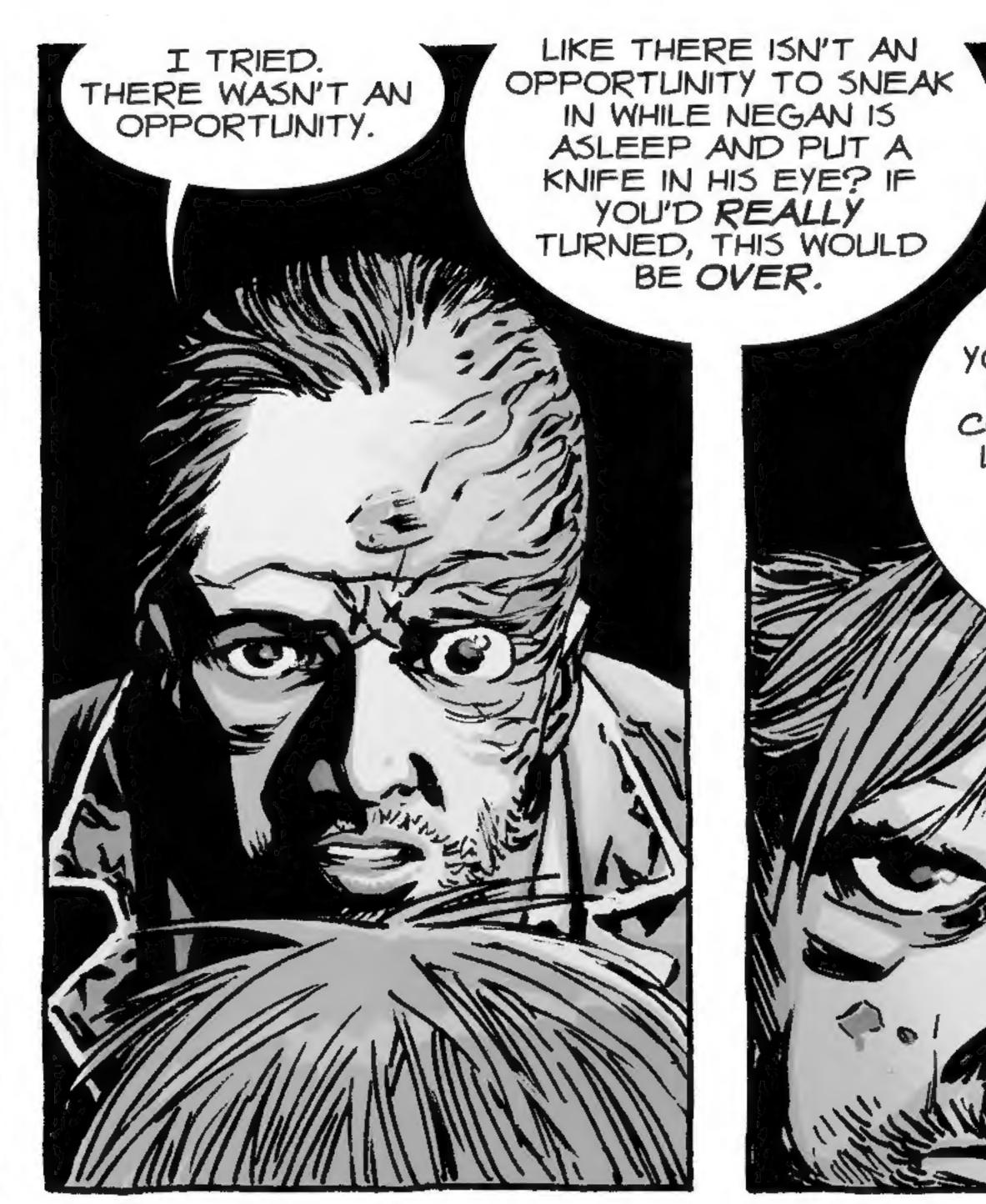


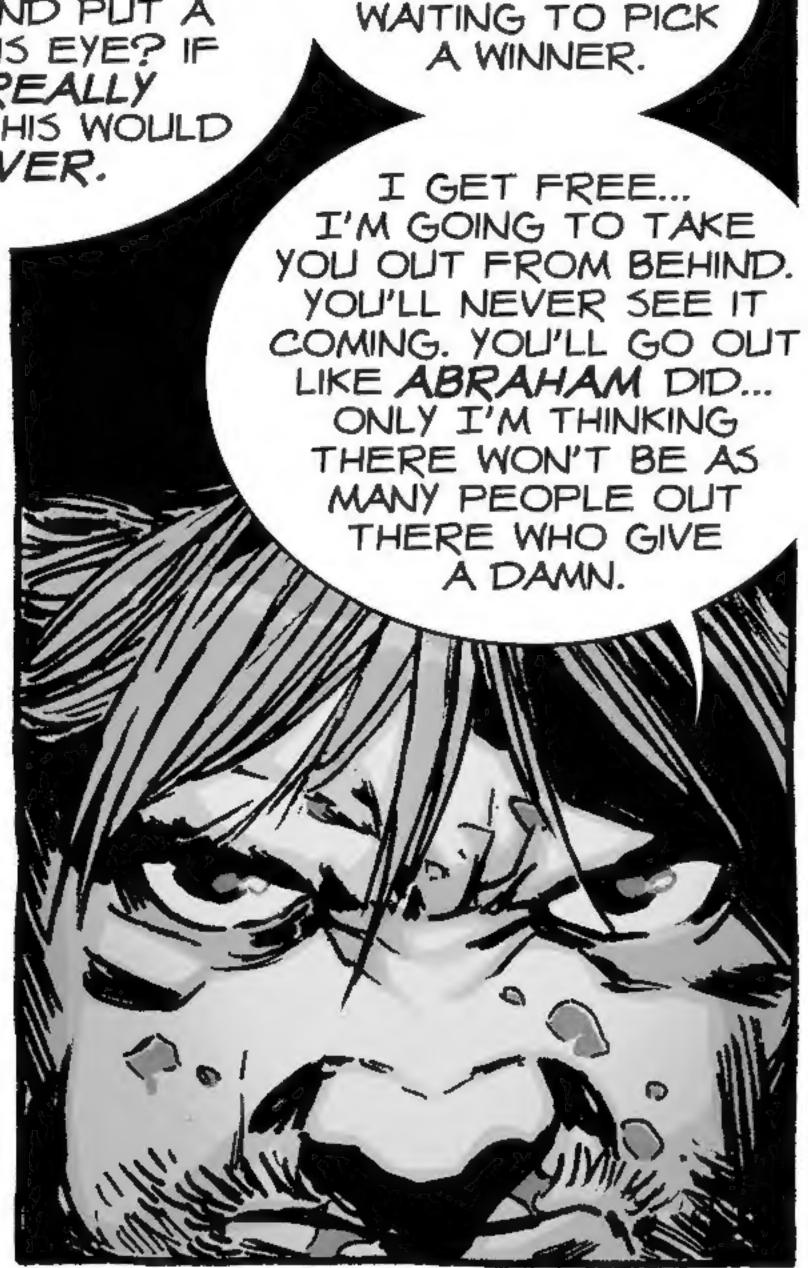












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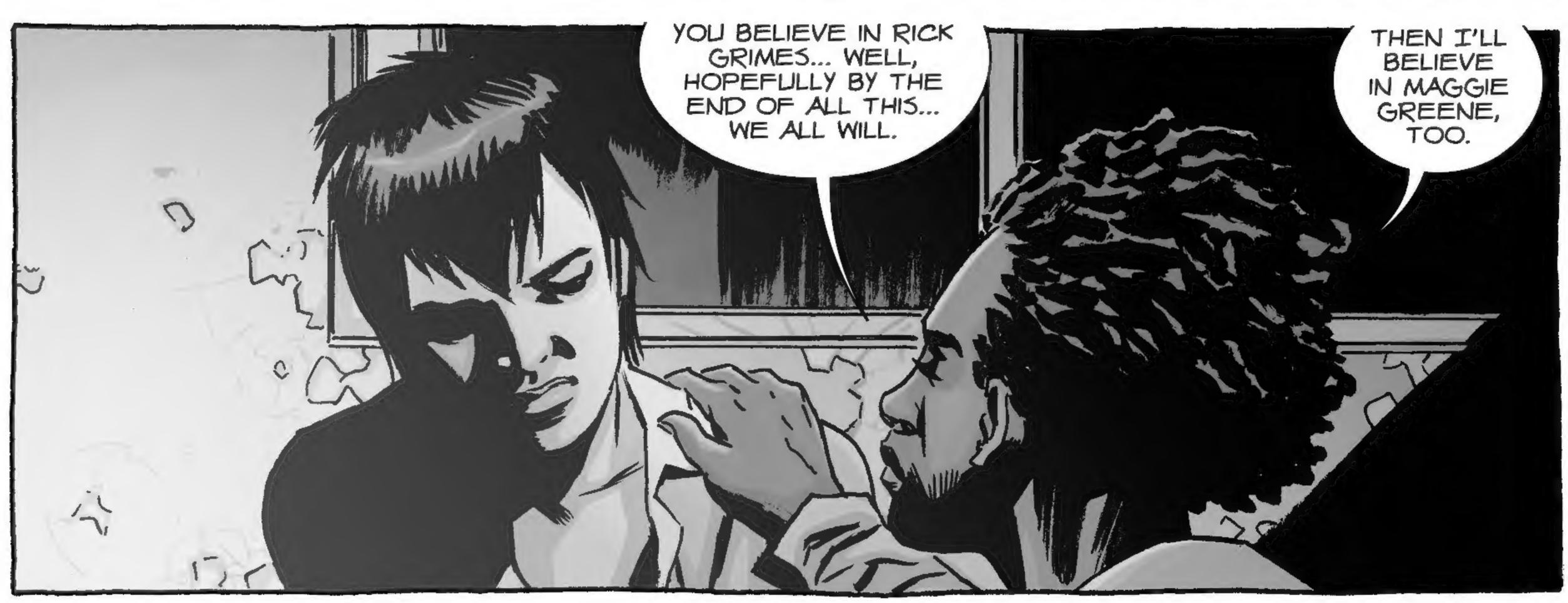


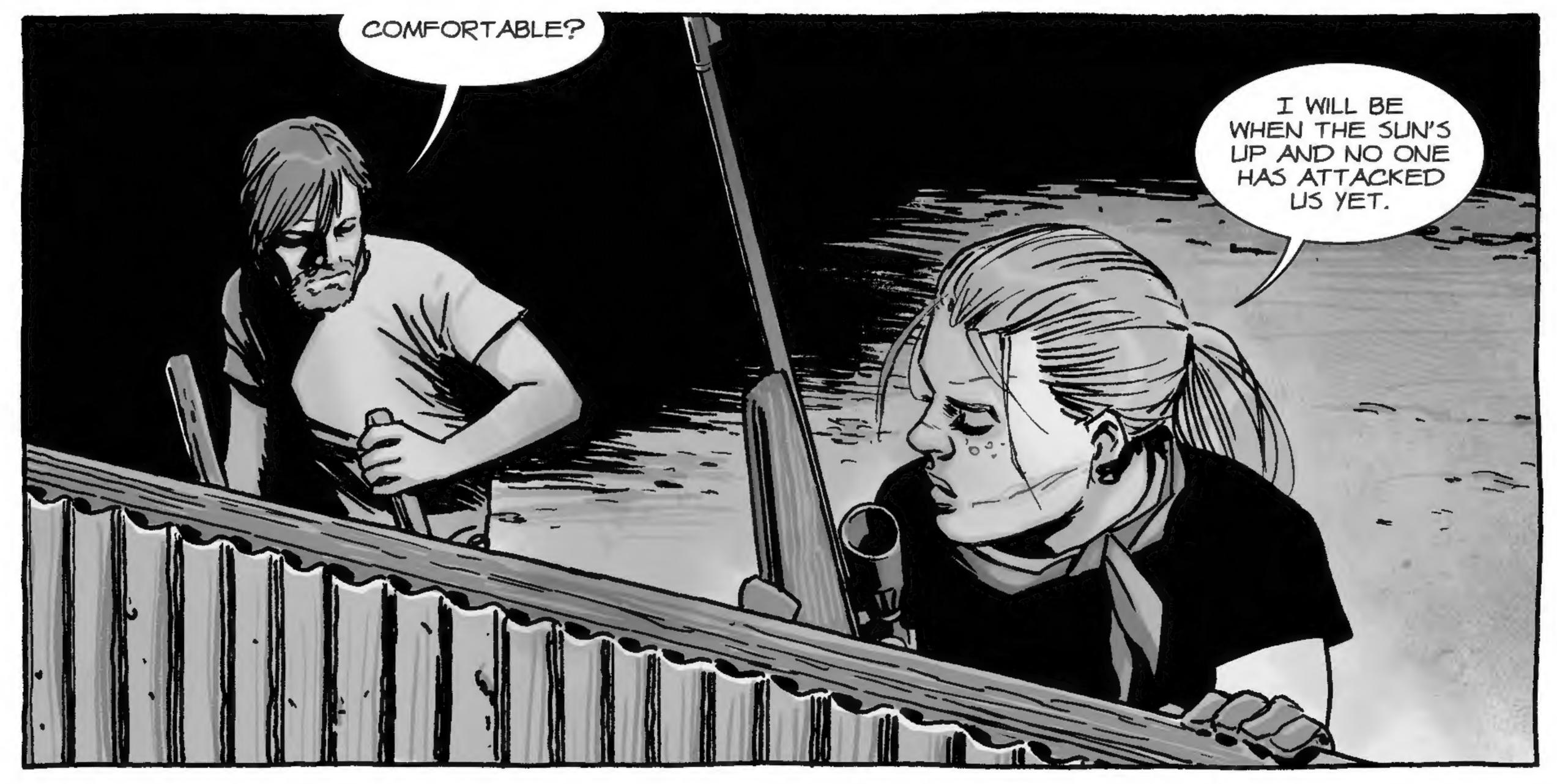


















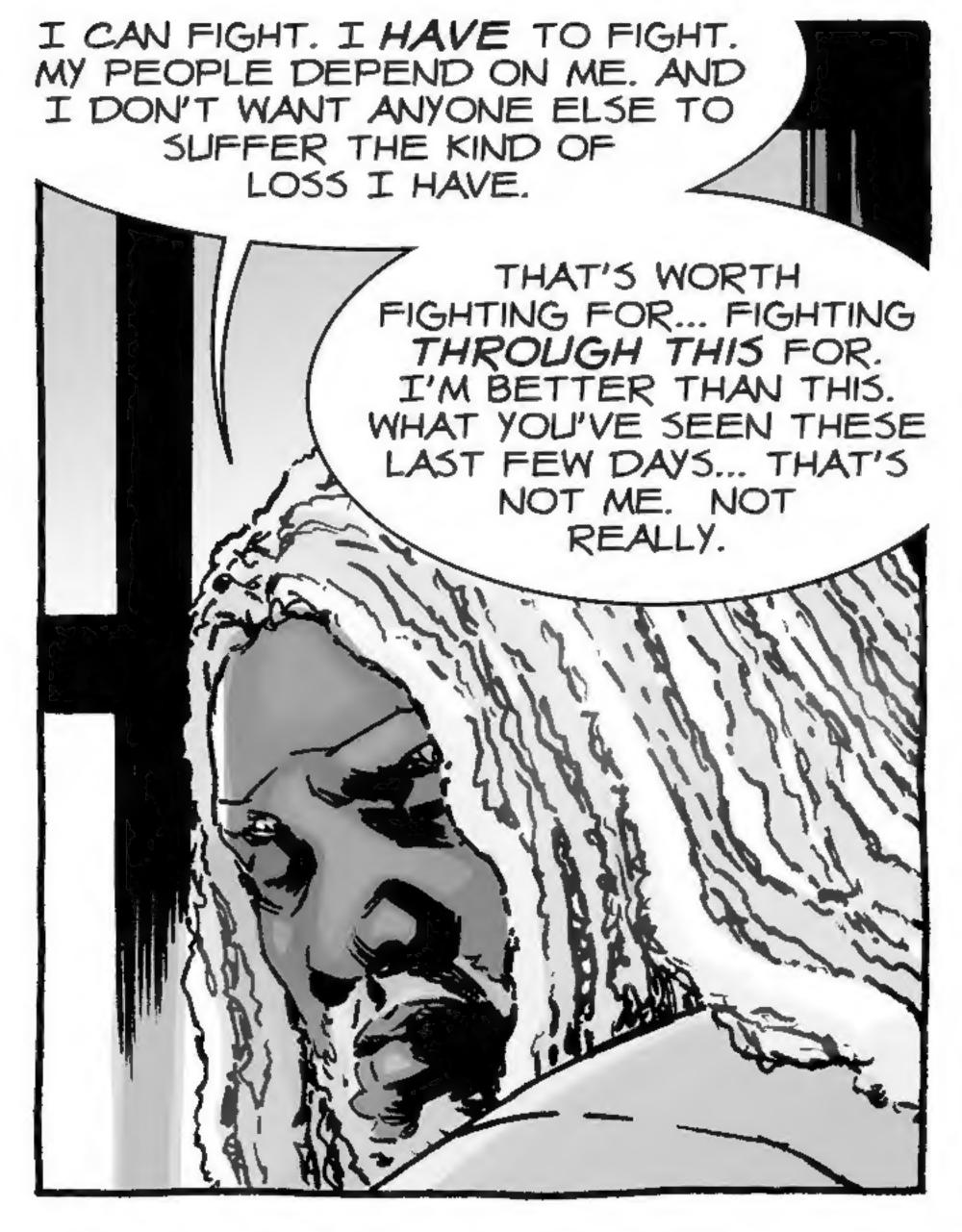




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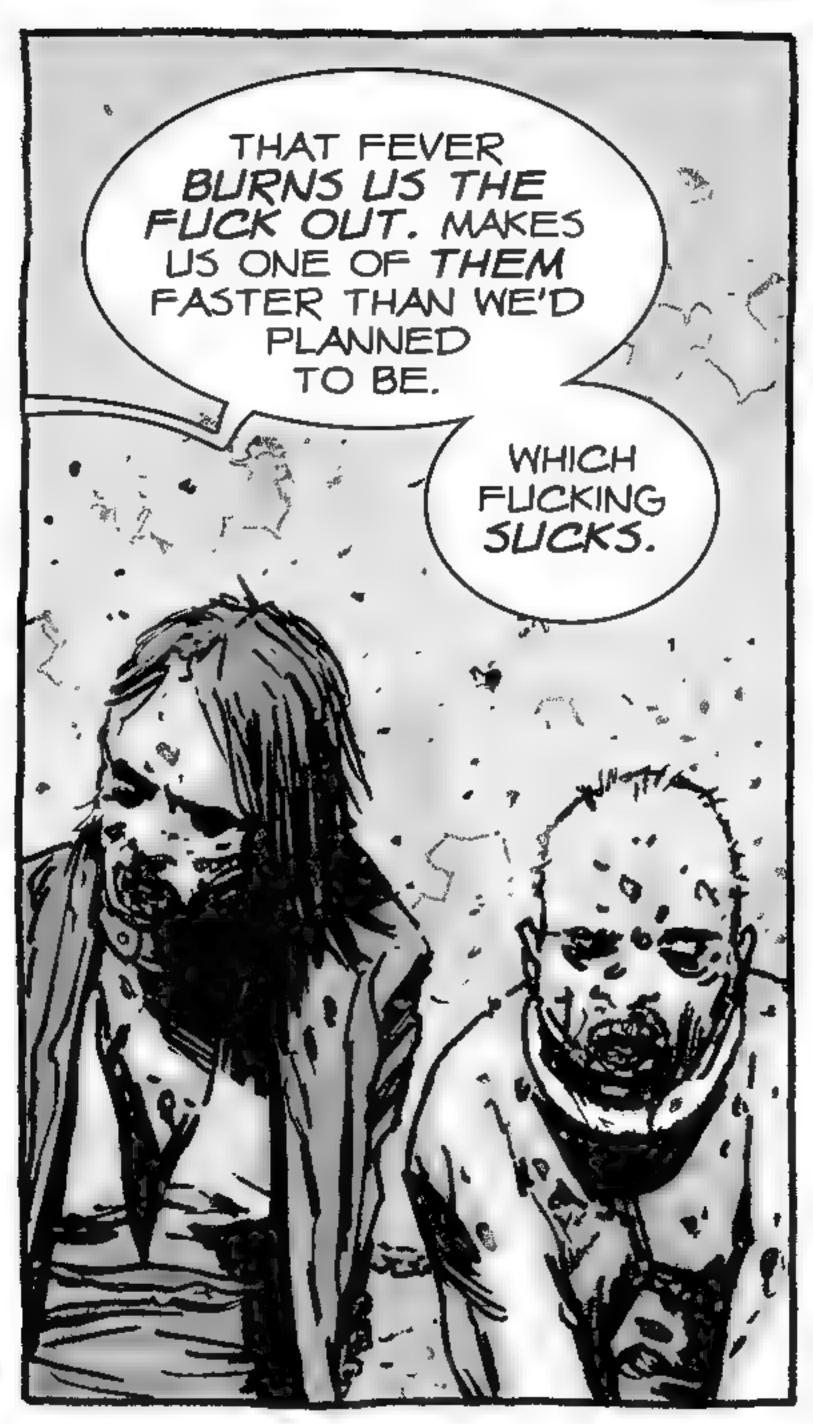












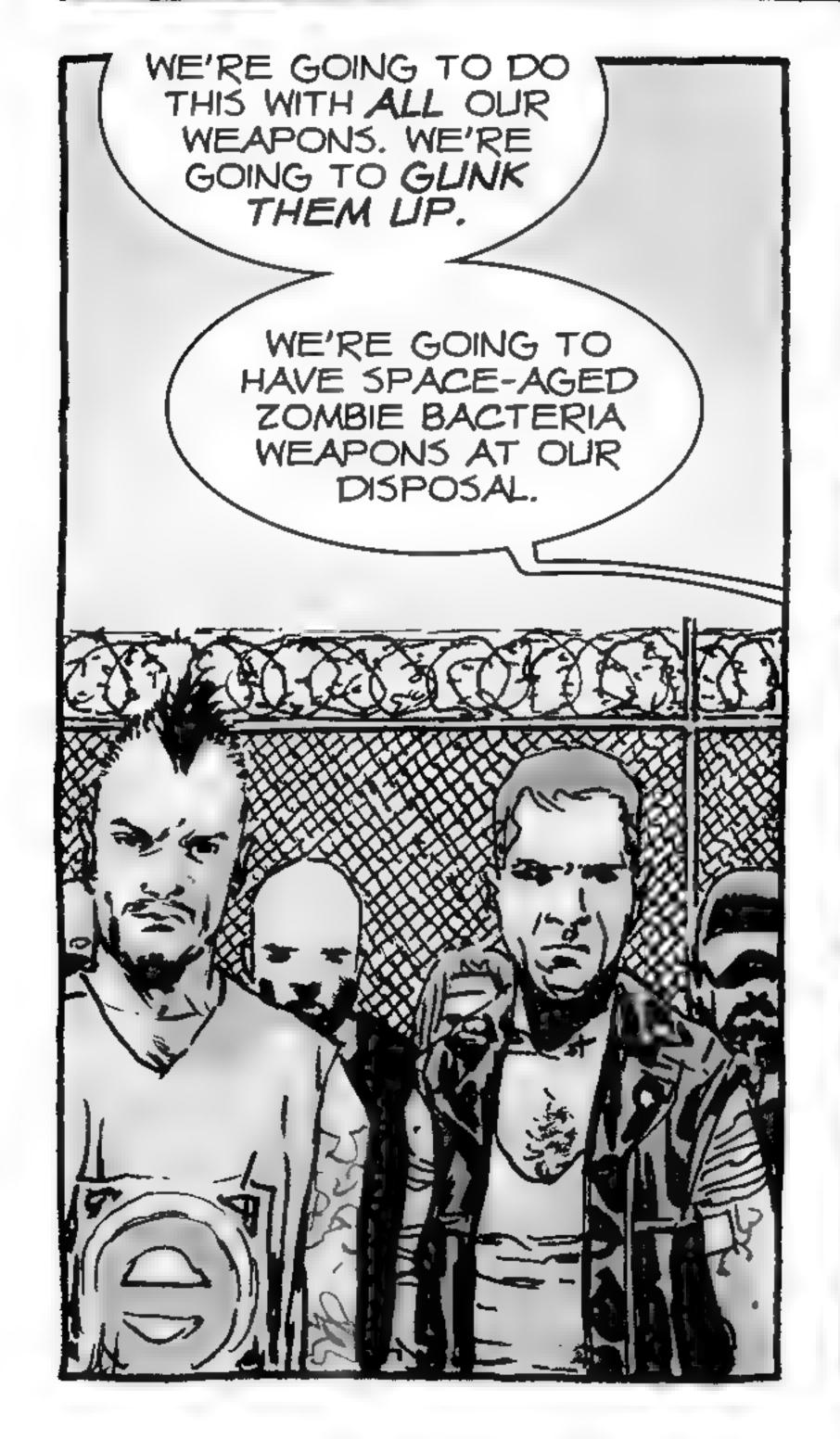






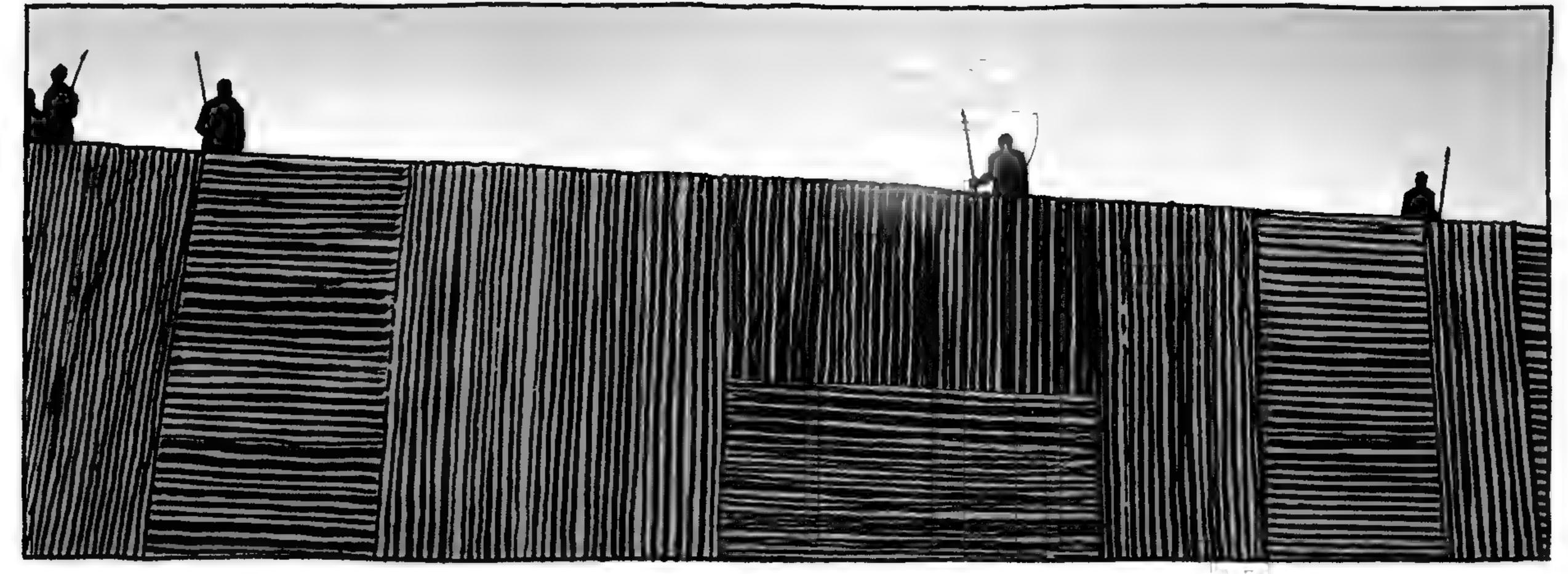








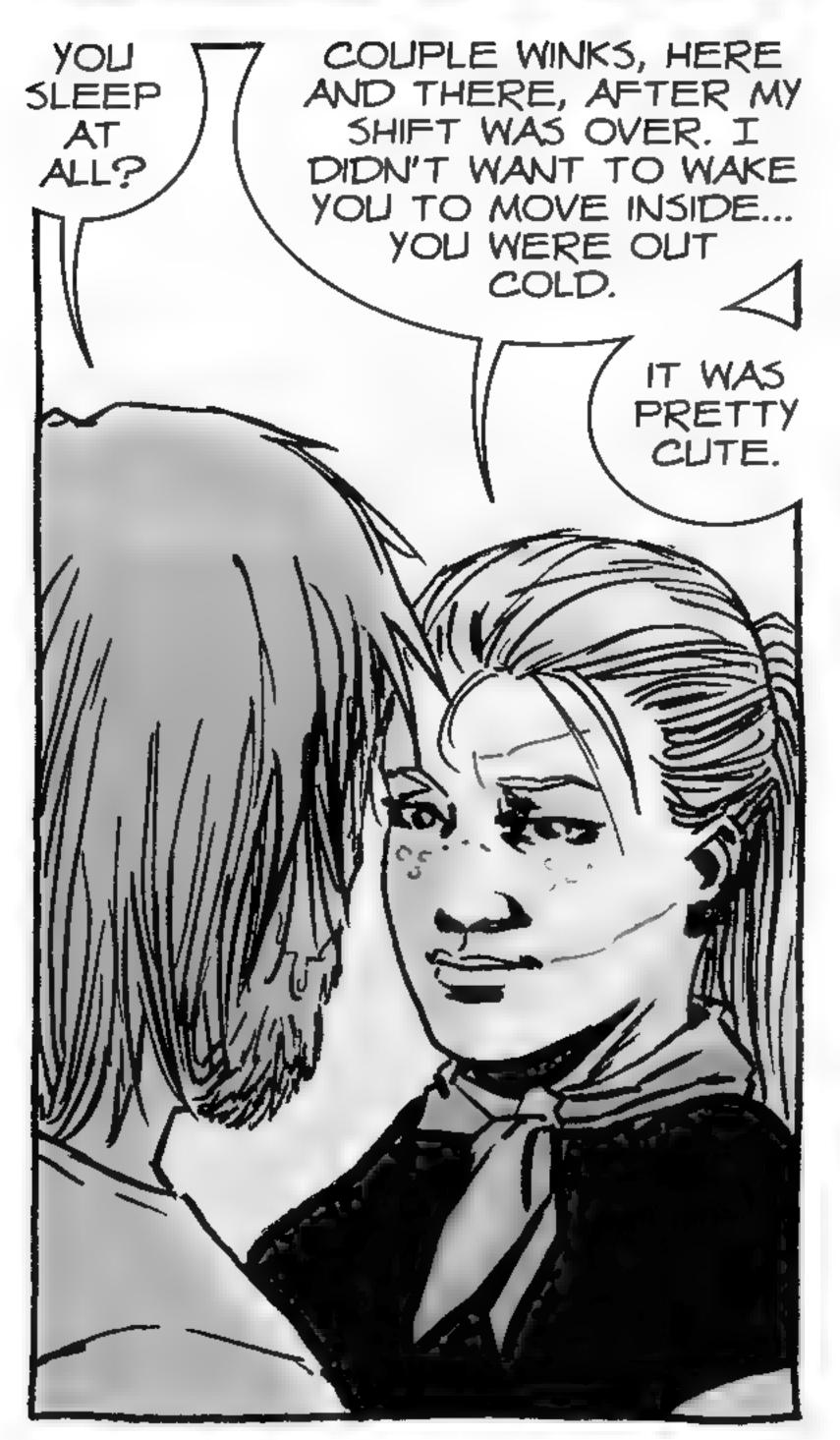


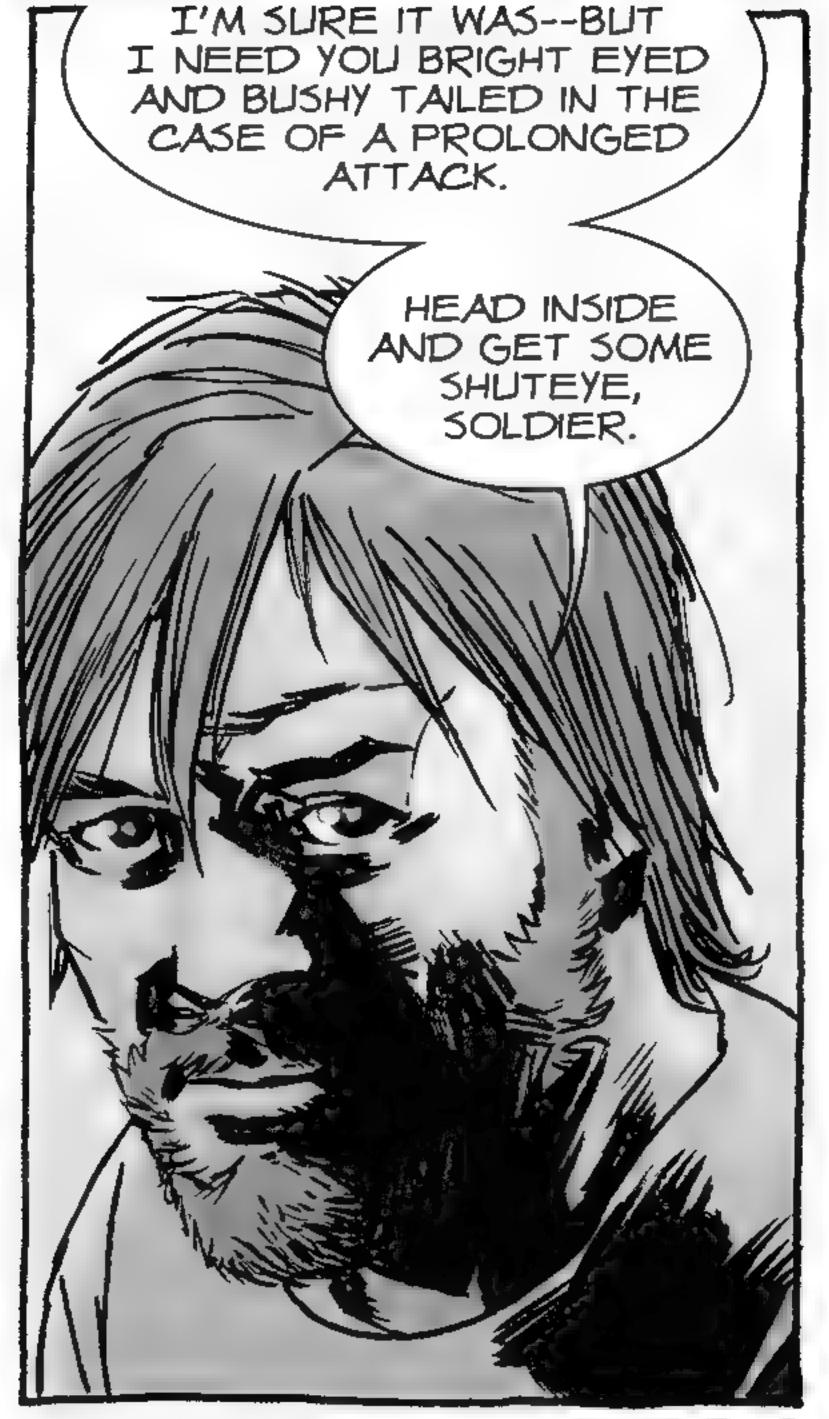








































RIGHT DOWN THE ROAD, A SMALL TOWN. A FEW SHOPS, BUNCH OF HOUSES. WE CLEANED IT OUT



















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I love how Negan implements one of his best war strategies just as major cracks are appearing in his squad. With only four issues of All Out War left, the Walking Dead team is mashing its foot on the accelerator and not letting off anytime soon.

I also imagine a lot of you are watching new episodes of the show right now and, hey! How about Abraham, Rosita and Eugene? Pretty cool, right?

Oh, yeah! That episode has aired by now, hasn't it? Man, Michael Cudlitz, Christian Serratos, and Josh McDermitt are GREAT, GREAT, GREAT additions to the cast. I think you guys are really going to love them on the show.

Let's answer some mail!

Hey guys!
Just finished 120 & I can't get that gritty scene with
Dwight at the wall out of my head. He has quickly
become one of my favorite characters. Our half-burned
hero mowing down Negan's unsuspecting militia made
for an undeniable classic moment! I just really hope
he doesn't turn out to be a Martinez-like double agent.
Would your merch department consider putting out a
Dwight T-shirt? I would so buy that!

Sincerely,

Ross Blair Richmond Hill, GA

If Dwight t-shirts could get us Scarface merch money, deal. For right now, we're going to hold off on new merch ideas until All Out War shakes... out. We all saw what happened with that whole Shiva thing.

It's pretty funny how I don't tell our merchandising team about anything coming up in the comic. The fact that we still sell "EZEKIEL HAS A TIGER" shirts when "EZEKIEL DOESN'T HAVE A TIGER ANYMORE" really cracks me up!

To my dearest Walking Dead Team,

Alas...where do I begin?

Poor Denise.
Poor Heath.
Poor...Davis? Yeah...even Davis.

Amidst all the chaos and destruction, issue 120 was definitely not a letdown. Negan gets to be all cra-cra outside the gates while Rick and his crew regret skipping the search for fire extinguishers with Glenn on one of his safety runs (RIP, Glenn). Totally awesome sauce in a can, this issue was. But may I make a suggestion, if you will, on the return of a character I so dearly miss.

Shiva.

Seriously...we didn't see a body, y'all...bring that tiger back in some sort of dramatic fashion...a la flying through the air with claws fully extended and taking out one of the saviors in the process. Issue 126, perhaps??? To put the cherry on top, give him an eye patch and we'll allude to our very own 'eye of the tiger' metaphor. Trust me, eye patches make everyone cooler. Cough, cough... the Governor?!? Am I right? Of course I am.

Anywho...congratulations on making this book my favorite to read every (other) Wednesday. Till next we meet, parting is such sweet sorrow. Keep it classy, but always with a touch of sassy.

Your most dedicated dead-head, Ryan N. Ray Lexington, KY

PS. Shiva LIVES!!!

And so do the "Ezekiel has a tiger" t-shirts available at thewalkingdead.com! But hasn't TWD always had an odd relationship with leaving its animals' fates ambiguous? It's been over four years and I'm still trying to figure out what happened to Buttons the horse.

Buttons literally DISAPPEARED, didn't she/he? We can admit that in the letters column, right? I think I forgot about the horse.

Dear walkers (maybe except Sean),

Even though I'm 26, I have never read nor even checked a comic book ever in my life until 6 months ago that I got a hold of the first 6 issues of TWD, and as a million people have guessed by now, loved it, even more than the series. a couple of things though:

1. First I wanna give a big thank you to the team behind TWD, not only you Robert, but also the art team especially Charlie and Cliff, that seem to not be thanked enough by some of the readers. Sina, Sean, Tony and even Rus have done a great job too, and we'll see how it goes with the new additions for the AOW, but since both those guys have been with the book for over 9 years, and they also did a bang up job issue after issue, they need some special thanks every now and then.

Some, but let's not go overboard with it, okay?

2. Really Sean? I didn't expect that from you, I mean an spoiler right in the middle of the letters? "Next issue, we learn about the risks of making ammunition". Sure we all have our own theories on what each piece of the story might turn out, but an spoiler like that it just sucks the joy out of it. After reading that sentence, my mind (and alot of others I assume) will go straight to only 2 of the possibilities: Either an accident (explosion) would happen in the little shop where Eugene is making the ammo, or, Negan will find the shop right away and gets it under his control, possibly hostage Eugene and the rest. The latter is more likely especially now that Negan has stopped for a bit on the road.

If "right in the middle" actually means "right at the end," sure. We run teases at the end of every issue because some people want a taste. And if you don't, just skip on over those bits.

Also, indicating something might happen is not a spoiler. SAYING EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS is a spoiler. Like if I said, hey, Lucille turns into a rocket next issue... that would be a spoiler... if it were true... and MAYBE it is.

Sure, nothing's certain yet, but I mean come on man, I understand you're excited about the next issues as you're among the very few people who know what's going to happen in near feature, who wouldn't be, but please, pretty please consider us readers too, even if you really have to point out something like that, the least you can do is put a spoiler tag in uppercase letters before the paragraph, so those of us that don't like being spoiled can just ignore it.

I'm not some fan running my yap because "I know more than you." That's never been my personality. The problem is we're all pretty savvy about storytelling nowadays, so sure, with even the tiniest bit of info you can suss out what direction a story might he headed in. But I'm sick of our spoiler-phobic society where every miniscule bit can be perceived as a spoiler. We're not in the business of spoiling our stories because... that's just dumb. And I don't think we're dumb.

In the case... isn't EUGENE tied up on the cover for issue 121? The cover that was a couple pages after the letters column? These covers themselves are spoilers if you have a broad enough definition. Come on, people--cut us some slack!

I hope it doesn't happen again, but just in case, Rob, I for the rest of us, am giving you permission to hit Sean in the head next time he does give away the story, and if he said anything, tell him to talk to me, OK? thanks.

Till next issue (that now thanks to Sean I can wait for more than the last 6 ones ... sigh)

Iman

I don't need permission to hit Sean on the head. Never have and never will need permission--I hit him on the head all the time.

If you want to grab my leg under the table in the diner... now that's when you need to ask.

Madmen,

I have a confession. Ever since the first issue with Negan, I have heard one and only one voice for him. Through all the curse-ridden atrocities he's committed, and all the home-brewed morality tales he's concocted, only one voice rings out in my head. Every skull-bashing, gut-slashing, soul-smashing act that has ever been performed by Negan has been flourished with the ironic inclusion of one very particular voice.

Mitt Romney.

I can't imagine Negan as some gruff Southern gas station attendant turned bad, or some variety of typical sleazy character. His voice is too sure, too unapologetic, and the thought of a post-apocalyptic Mitt Romney turning into a strong-armed, poetically violent King of the hill is too much fun.

Ian Cook Syracuse, NY

This was one of two emails we received this month that pegged Romney as the voice of Negan, which was just... weird. And I have no advance knowledge of Negan's life pre-apocalypse, so... fun theory.

I'm running with it!

To TWD Crew,

I have finished up with issue 120, and am so far very pleased. All Out War is living up to the standard I had given it after its buildup and for that I say thank you. However, the one question I have is, what is the time frame of the last six issues? Since All Out War started with 115, has it been a week? a month? It is hard to tell. It seems like it has been a mere matter of days, but to me the term 'War' upholds a longer amount of time than that. I know we are only half way through, but at this point I am very curious. Are we gonna start seeing snow soon, as if time jumped way ahead or will this be a quickly resolved feud?

Either way, I know it will be awesome. Keep doing what you guys are doing, you know your shit.

Eric Miles

Here's how I think it breaks down: #115 & 116 happens over the course of a day. #117 is another day. #118 could be a week, with all the quick, smaller attacks on the outposts. And then #119 + 120 are another day. So like, two weeks at most?

Also, "war" does not denote any kind of time frame. A war can be one single day... it can have many battles... or one battle. But it's just a conflict between two forces. Your other term... "feud..." man... those things can go on for DECADES. A feud doesn't have to be a short amount of time.

Truly, in the saga of the 120 issues of THE WALKING DEAD there are so many characters as readers We grow to know, emphasize with, root for and love, as much as villains we grow to loathe and root for their demise. A testament to Kirkman's skill as a writer, we are saddened, shocked and/or thrilled when these characters meet their end, whether quick, unexpected or brutally drawn out, but few of the characters have been given such a blindingly scintillating moment to shine as DAVIS. We barely knew you, at least your end was pretty much the most outrageously hilarious thing in the comic yet. Way to work your six panels Dude!

-KEN San Francisco, CA

P.S. As much as I commend the writing, a big thing that makes THE WALKING DEAD work for me every month is Charlie Adlard's supreme command of Facial Expression. While a fantastic artist and storyteller on all counts, his ability to subtly fluctuate mood in the character's expressions totally supports and underlines the emotional core of the book. Few Comic Illustrators do this well, let alone with such thoughtful grace. It's a huge part of what I love and look forward to about each issue.

RIP Davis. May all of us die with full boners. (Those of us that have them, and all that...)

All praise for Charlie Adlard must always be relegated to the postscript. It had been decreed!

P.S. I love you, Charlie!

Greetings to Robert and Sean. It was a crappy week...

And I won't go into details or anything, but I can say that kicking back and listening to you guys chatting about Charlie's obsession to draw cracks takes a load off my mind...

Anyways, enough about that, I have some questions...

People ask what it takes to get into Letter Hacks...
NUMBERED QUESTIONS.

1.When are we going to see more Earl Sutton???

This issue!

2.Was the gunfire in issue 119 fired outside the ASZ composed by Eugene's Group or The Saviors? I'm guessing option two given the fact that if the shots did belong to Eugene and Co, the Saviors would be on them in seconds. Look at me answering my own questions!

Sorry if that wasn't clear. Rick saying "That's the signal" was supposed to indicate that someone was watching the area around Alexandria just in case Negan's forces arrived. They would fire a gun to signal that they'd been spotted.

3.Pointing out that Negan's WW2 Grenades would have sent shards of Shrapnel and Metal flying through anyone's within the blast radius, therefore, in issue 120, Rick and Co would be shown plucking the pieces from their skin if you knew about that... Go ahead, prove me wrong...

P.S, your the best

I believe you mean "you're." Maybe you got a little shrapnel in your fingers.

4. Where would Negan receive WW2 Grenades?

Probably a Christmas present. I think the Saviors have found and stored all kinds of crazy stuff since the fall of civilization.

5. Dwight's left handed. You know what that means. *Cough* *cough* issue 126.

I actually have no clue what that means. Seriously. No clue. Robert?

Oh... on the cover to 126. Is that a spoiler?!

That's it guys! It's been fun and let me just point out the obvious... Your Comic Rocks! Looking forward to hearing more of Negans ridiculously awesome phrases...

See you later! ~Zack, Saint Clair, MI

Well, let's hope he survives the war then!

Dudes, can you stop dicking us around with The Cutting Room Floor? It's like two-years past the original release date--make some time for it, man! Or else...
..Or else I won't be able to read it.
Fuck.

-Exasperated Fan on the Edge

When we finally get around to it, it'll be worth the wait.

True, but let's not dismiss this. I am dicking around everyone who wanted this book and I'm sorry about that. Working on the show and doing All Out War on the accelerated schedule and all the other various projects I do does take up a lot of time and it's making Cutting Room Floor take EVEN LONGER. BUT the good news is...

When we finally get around to it, it'll be worth the wait.

Dear Kirkman et al,

"My dick is so hard right now I could crack steel. I should wrap it in barbed wire and call it Lucille two"

Firstly, kudos to that line (and the rest of Negan's repertoire of vulgar one liners). Brilliant.

Secondly, a character named Lucille, a character which later appears named Lucille Two, a character missing his

hand, a large portion of the story taking place in a prison? Do I spy an Arrested Development fan? If so, I'm just looking forward to Negan using a stair-car to climb over Alexandria's walls, or for Carl's female cousin to come into the story, causing him to develop a weird crush on her. (I know you said Rick's brother wouldn't be appearing in the story, but you never said anything about his daughter!)

But that raises another question. Do you ever put any Easter eggs in your comics? You don't necessarily have to say what they are, because finding them is the fun part (or you can if you want), but a yes or no will be suffice.

Lovingly yours,

Adam Toronto, Ontario, Canada

I think it'd be a WHOLE lot easier to compare the plot of TWD with Arrested Development than that weird TOY STORY comparison that was making the rounds online a year ago.

All similarities are unintentional... I mean, the Lucille 2 thing was not meant as a reference, but I AM a huge fan of Arrested Development.

Hey there, loving the All Out War arc and it's damn fantastic, really enjoying it so far and where it's headed. I was re-reading it again and noticed in Issue 118 that Maggie still says her last name is Greene when denouncing Gregory. After marrying Glenn would she not have taken Rhee as her last name, especially in honor of his death? Just assumed she would have after what had happened.

Thanks and keep it up!

Brandon

First of all, Glenn never had a last name in the comic. On the show, he's Rhee. This is me trying to clarify things, but I feel like it's not...

As for her not taking Glenn's name, doesn't that happen all the time these days? Maggie is a good progressive woman, and there's not as much call for the patriarchal enslavement of womenfolk as Man's property in these times.

My thinking was that her entire family died... and she wants to carry on her family name. Never had time to put it into a scene, but changing her name would kill what's left of her family... in a sense. So she kept her last name.

When they got married... it's not like they changed their mailing address or got new driver's licenses or even had a marriage license... so it never really felt like something that deserved a scene.

Next issue... some REALLY cool stuff happens. (See? Doesn't that sound shitty? Let me try that again...)

Next issue: The Saviors try out their newly modified weapons.

-Sean Mackiewicz

I don't know, Sean... that sounds AWFULLY SPOILERY! Hey people... there are SPOILERS a couple lines up!

-Robert Kirkman





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